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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
TO PRESIDENT JAWARA:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR
THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATHS OF
AMBASSADOR CLEO A. NOEL, JR. AND MRS. GEORGE C. MOORE.

THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF PEOPLE EVERYWHERE ARE
THREATENED BY THE KIND OF SENSELESS BRUTALITY THAT CAUSED
THIS TRAGEDY. I BELIEVE IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL
NATIONS TO ELIMINATE TERRORISM, AND I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN
WITH US IN WORKING TOWARD THAT GOAL. WITH MY BEST WISHES,
SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON UNQUOTE. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT
PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY
RECIPIENT. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT IF TEXT RELEASED.

2. FOR POST'S INFORMATION, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JAWARA'S
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MESSAGE: QUOTE PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON, DEEPLY SHOCKED AND DISTRESSED AT THE TERRIBLE DENOUEMENT OF TRAGIC EVENTS IN KHARTOUM CULMINATING IN THE ASSASSINATION OF YOUR AMBASSADOR AND HIS COUNSELLOR BY BLACK SEPTEMBER TERRORISTS. PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND THAT OF MY GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE GAMBIA FOR YOURSELF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE BEREAVED FAMILIES. HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. DAWDA JAWARA PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF JAPAN. GROUP B, HEADED BY
T. T. CHEN, ADVISOR, BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE, INTERESTED SOLELY IN PURCHASES OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

4. IN CITIES OUTSIDE WASHINGTON, AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT HAS ARRANGED MEETINGS FOR GROUP B WITH POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS. FOR GROUP A, COMMERCE THROUGH ITS FIELD OFFICES HAS PROVIDED ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING MEETINGS, SEMINARS, AND INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE U. S. FIRMS AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS. COMMERCE ALSO PROVIDING ESCORT OFFICER TO TRAVEL WITH GROUP THROUGHOUT U. S.

5. COMMERCE IN COORDINATION WITH STATE AND AGRICULTURE ARRANGED APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON FOR BOTH GROUPS WITH HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS IN STATE, COMMERCE/ AGRICULTURE, TREASURY, EX- IM BANK, CONGRESS, STR, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVES AS REQUESTED BY CHINESE. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAN GESSEL HOSTED LUNCH FOR MISSION.

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